

Unmanned Aerial Surveillance

MISSION:

The United States has a growing number of unmanned, remotely-controlled aircraft that can support ground troops by providing intelligence information and also acquiring targets.



These include the MQ-1 Predator, a small craft with weapons capability used for surveillance, is controlled out of Creech Air Force Base in Nevada, but patrols the skies in Iraq. The MQ-9 Reaper is a medium to high altitude surveillance vehicle that is larger and more powerful than the Predator. The Reaper also operates out of Creech Air Force Base. Even more sophisticated than the Reaper is the RQ-4 Global Hawk.

In some instances, these vehicles can stay airborne for 24 hours. That means the operating crews, consisting of a pilot and a sensor operator, spell each other. Actually, the unmanned vehicles are part of a communications and operations system which includes other air vehicles, a ground control station, communication equipment/links and back up crews.

Benefits

In the Air Force Reserve, you are entitled to a wide range of benefits, similar to those on Active Duty.

- Earn a paycheck – The pay is competitive for part-time and some full-time jobs.
- Get an education – The Air Force Reserve encourages continuing education and offers several programs – Non-contributory Montgomery G.I. Bill, Tuition Assistance, free credits through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), and specialized training that can lead to certifications and licenses. There can also be bonuses and incentives for those going into critically needed areas.
- Low-cost health care plan – This new program applies to both the Reservist and immediate family and can significantly reduce the cost of medical care.
- Retirement plan – Military retirement programs are very generous. If you have previously served, your time counts toward your retirement in the Air Force Reserve.
- Commissary and BX Privileges – Military bases offer discounted and tax-free supermarket and department store shopping plus low-cost recreational vehicle rentals.
- Live and serve at home – Serve where you live and transfer to a new location only at your request.
- Maintain rank – If you have previously served in the Air Force or any other branch of the military, chances are you will retain your rank when you join the Air Force Reserve.
- Do the extraordinary – This is an opportunity to meet American heroes accomplishing amazing feats and to become one with them.

The Air Force Reserve is an integral part of the United States Air Force, performing approximately 20 percent of the work. Members of the Air Force Reserve can live and serve in their local communities. Although there are full-time opportunities, those in the Air Force Reserve can continue their full-time civilian careers. This is a great way to serve your country and still live at home with your family.



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